



8 MAY 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Mention of DCI, CIA, U. S. Intelligence Activities Abroad, etc.

REFERENCE: Memo to AD/O from Chief, [redacted] dated 8 July 1954, subject: [redacted] Editorial Policy with Regard to Dissemination of Clandestine Activities Reports and Mention of U. S. Nationals." STATSPEC  
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1. The reference memorandum, a copy of which is attached, formalized Agency policy with regard to the dissemination of radio-monitored materials specifically mentioning the DCI and CIA, as well as CIA-attributable intelligence and espionage activities. Its implementation has had the operational disadvantage of confronting [redacted] editorial personnel with the responsibility of determining whether references to CIA or its top officials are casual or derogatory, or descriptive of Agency activities of which they cannot be expected to have knowledge.

2. Modification of Agency policy enunciated at the meeting of Deputy Directors on 15 April 1957 specified that [redacted] material mentioning the Director or the Agency whether derogatory or not, when no copyright restriction is involved, shall be published in [redacted] which is disseminated outside the Government, unless there is reason to believe that the substance of the comment [redacted] However, it is believed that rescission of the prohibition on publication of derogatory information or information descriptive of Agency activities will not resolve the basic uncertainty inherent in material referring to persons and activities which may or may not be attributed to CIA. A practical disadvantage is that derogatory and descriptive materials are so often commingled as to make selective excerpting unfeasible if not impossible.

3. Much of the material mentioning CIA and the Director is actually monitored [redacted] of course, has no control over dissemination of these items [redacted] The material produced [redacted] itself is largely monitored by [redacted] who for operational reasons refer to their own items when published [redacted]

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25X1C Deletion of references to CIA activity thus becomes readily apparent  
and to [REDACTED]

25X1C 4. It is recommended that:

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a. The present policy be revised to provide that all [REDACTED]  
items mentioning or describing the organization, the activities  
or the personnel of CIA, or any persons or activities that may  
be associated with CIA, whether or not named, shall be carried

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Concur.

b. In conformance with the provisions of NSCID No. 12  
concerning avoidance of publicity concerning intelligence  
agencies of the U. S. government, such items shall not be  
published in the unrestricted [REDACTED] which is dis-  
seminated to non-governmental users.

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Non-concur. Put  
all in both and  
wait 'til some-  
one squawks.  
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5. Attached are wire copies of items withheld from publication,  
which would receive dissemination under the proposal of paragraph (a)  
above.

SIGNED: GEORGE G. CAREY

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